

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Ronald McDonald House began in Sioux Falls over 20 years ago, providing support and comfort for thousands of families with seriously ill children; and,

Whereas, In 2004, the Ronald McDonald House became home for over 275 families with children seeking medical care in the Sioux Falls region; and,

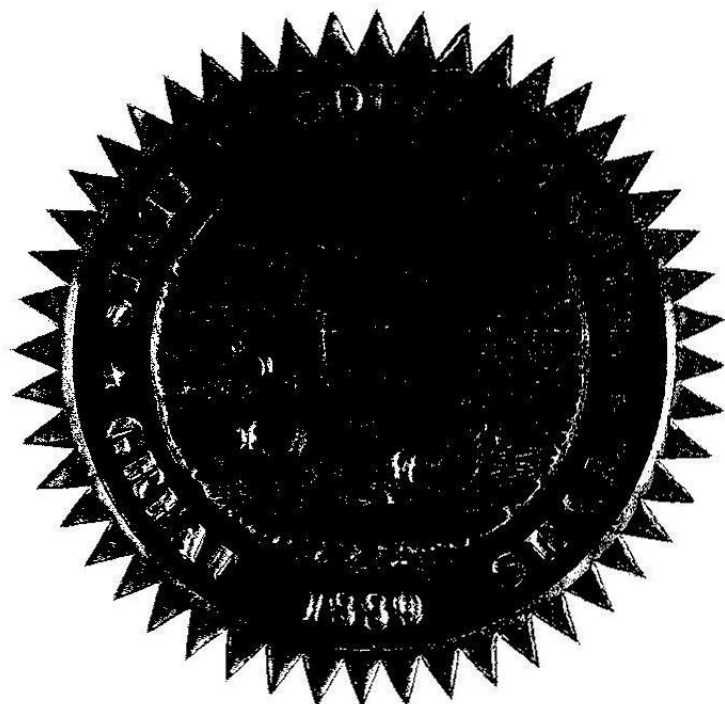
Whereas, The Ronald McDonald House Grant Program provides funding to youth-directed organizations in both rural and metropolitan South Dakota communities and the Caremobile provides expense-free dental services to hundreds of school-aged children; and,

Whereas, The staff and Board of Directors are announcing the "Taste of South Dakota" as a premier, public fundraising event to expand the services of the Ronald McDonald House; and,

Whereas, The event is aimed to celebrate and showcase the many products, talents, and flavors of our state, and to benefit the needs and wishes of even more South Dakota children and families:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005, as

TASTE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M. Michael Rounds".

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris Nelson".

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State